Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A compound of the formula:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_3
 R_4

Formula I

wherein:

R¹ is H, lower alkyl or a protecting group,

 R^{2} is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$ or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$,

R³ and R⁴ are independently H or lower alkyl or a protecting group,

R⁶ is H, OH, SH, O lower alkyl, halogen, NH₂, succinimidyl,

-maleimidyl, immunogenic carrier, or label, and

n is an integer from 1 to 5,

and including acid salts thereof.

- 2. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein said immunogenic carrier is a poly(amino acid).
- 3. (original) A compound according to Claim 2 wherein said poly(amino acid) is a protein.
 - 4. (original) Antibodies raised against the compound of Claim 3.
 - 5. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein n is 1.
- 6. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein said label is an enzyme label, a luminescent label, or a radioisotope label.

Claims 7-12 (canceled).

13. (currently amended) A method for determining a compound selected from the group consisting of 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), 3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA), 3,4-methylenedioxyethylamphetamine (MDEA) and 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-methamphetamine (HMMA), said method comprising:

- (a) providing in combination in a medium:
 - (i) a sample suspected of containing said compound and
 - (ii) an antibody raised against a compound of the formula:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_3
 R_4

wherein:

R¹ is H or lower alkyl,

 R^{2} is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$ or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$,

R³ and R⁴ are independently H or lower alkyl,

R⁶ is an immunogenic carrier, and

n is an integer from 1 to 5, and

- (b) examining said medium for the presence a complex comprising said compound and said antibody, the presence thereof indicating the presence of said compound in said sample.
- 14. (original) A method according to Claim 13 wherein said combination further comprises:
 - (iii) a label conjugate of the formula:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_3
 R_4

wherein:

R¹ is H, lower alkyl or is taken together with R² to form a ring,

 R^2 is H, lower alkyl, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)R^6$ or $-(CH_2)_nR^6$, or is taken together with R^1 to form a ring,

 R^3 and R^4 are independently H or lower alkyl, or, when R^1 is taken together with R^2 to form a ring, at least one of R^3 or R^4 is $-(CH_2)_nC(O)R^5$ or $-(CH_2)_nR^5$, or when R^1 is not taken together with R^2 to form a ring, at least one of R^1 and R^2 is not H or lower alkyl,

R⁵ is a label,

R⁶ is a label, and

n is an integer from 1 to 5, and

said examining comprises measuring signal from said label, the amount thereof being related to the presence of said compound in said sample.

- 15. (original) A method according to Claim 14 wherein said method is a homogeneous method and said medium is examined for the amount of said signal.
- 16. (original) A method according to Claim 14 wherein said method is a heterogeneous method and said complex, if present, is separated from said medium.
- 17. (original) A method according to Claim 14 wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of KLH, BSA, BGG and ovalbumin.
 - 18. (original) A method according to Claim 14 wherein n is 1.
- 19. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 15 wherein said label is an enzyme label, a luminescent label, or a radioisotope label.
- 20. (currently amended) A kit for determining a compound selected from the group consisting of 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), 3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA), 3,4-methylenedioxyethylamphetamine (MDEA) and 4-hydroxy-3-methoxymethamphetamine (HMMA), said kit comprising:
 - (a) an antibody raised against a compound of the formula:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_2
 R_3
 R_4

wherein:

R¹ is H or lower alkyl,

 R^{2} is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$ or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$,

R³ and R⁴ are independently H or lower alkyl,

R⁶ is an immunogenic carrier, and

n is an integer from 1 to 5, and

(b) ancillary reagents for determining said compound.

21. (currently amended) A kit for determining a compound selected from the group consisting of 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), 3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA), 3,4-methylenedioxyethylamphetamine (MDEA) and 4-hydroxy-3-methoxymethamphetamine (HMMA), said kit comprising:

- (a) an antibody for said compound,
- (b) a label conjugate of the formula:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_3
 R_4

wherein:

R¹ is H or lower alkyl,

 R^{2} is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$ or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$,

R³ and R⁴ are independently H or lower alkyl,

R⁶ is a label, and

n is an integer from 1 to 5,

- (c) ancillary reagents for determining said compound.
- 22. (original) A kit according to Claim 20 wherein said protein is selected from the

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group consisting of KLH, BSA, BGG and ovalbumin.

23. (original) A kit according to Claim 20 wherein n is 1.

24. (previously presented) A kit according to Claim 21 wherein said label is an enzyme label, a luminescent label, or a radioisotope label.

- 25. (currently amended) A method for determining amphetamine and/or methamphetamine and/or methylenedioxyethamphetamine in a sample suspected of containing methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or methylenedioxyethamphetamine, said method comprising:
 - (a) providing in combination in a medium:
 - (i) said sample,
 - (ii) an antibody for methylenedioxyamphetamine, and/or
 - (iii) an antibody for methylenedioxymethamphetamine, and/or
 - (iv) an antibody for methylenedioxyethamphetamine, and
 - (v) a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹, is H, or methyl or ethyl

R³, is H,

R⁴, is H, or methyl or ethyl,

 R^9 , is $-(CH_2)_nC(O)R^6$, or $-(CH_2)_nR^6$.

R⁶, is Z', which is an enzyme,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said enzyme divided by about 500; and

(b) examining said medium for the presence of a complex comprising said methylenedioxyamphetamine and said antibody for methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or a

complex of said methylenedioxymethamphetamine and said antibody for methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or a complex of said methylenedioxyethamphetamine and said antibody for methylenedioxyethamphetamine, the presence thereof indicating the presence of said methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or methylenedioxyethamphetamine in said sample.

Claim 26 (canceled).

- 27. (currently amended) A method for determining methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or methylenedioxyethamphetamine in a sample suspected of containing methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or methylenedioxyethamphetamine, said method comprising:
 - (a) providing in combination in a medium:
 - (i) said sample,
- (ii) a conjugate of an enzyme and a methylenedioxyamphetamine analog and/or a conjugate of an enzyme and a methylenedioxymethamphetamine analog and/or a conjugate of an enzyme and a methylenedioxyethamphetamine analog,
- (i) an antibody for methylenedioxyamphetamine, said antibody being raised against a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹, is H, or methyl or ethyl

 R^3 , is H,

R⁴, is H.

 R^9 , is $-(CH_2)_nC(O)R^6$, or $-(CH_2)_nR^6$.

R⁶, is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500; and/or

(iv) an antibody for methylenedioxymethamphetamine, said antibody being raised against a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹' is H, or methyl or ethyl

 R^3 , is H,

R⁴, is methyl,

 R^{9} , is $-(CH_2)_nC(O)R^{6}$, or $-(CH_2)_nR^{6}$,

R⁶, is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500; and/or

(v) an antibody for methylenedioxyethamphetamine, said antibody being raised against a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹' is H, or methyl or ethyl

R³, is H,

R⁴, is ethyl,

 R^9 , is $-(CH_2)_nC(O)R^6$, or $-(CH_2)_nR^{62}$,

R⁶, is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500; and

(b) examining said medium for the presence of a complex comprising said

methylenedioxyamphetamine and said antibody for methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or a complex of said methylenedioxymethamphetamine and said antibody for methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or a complex of said methylenedioxyethamphetamine and said antibody for methylenedioxyethamphetamine, the presence thereof indicating the presence of said methylenedioxyamphetamine and/or methylenedioxymethamphetamine and/or methylenedioxyethamphetamine in said sample.

Claims 28-29 (canceled).

- 30. (currently amended) A kit comprising in packaged combination:
 - (i) an antibody for methylenedioxyamphetamine,
 - (ii) an antibody for methylenedioxymethamphetamine, and/or
 - (iii) an antibody for methylenedioxyethamphetamine, and
 - (iv) a compound of the formula:

wherein:

 R^1 is H.

R², is H, or methyl or ethyl,

 R^{9} , is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{5}$, or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{5}$.

R⁵' is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500.

- 31. (currently amended) A kit comprising in packaged combination:
- (i) a conjugate of an enzyme and a methylenedioxyamphetamine analog and/or a conjugate of an enzyme and a methylenedioxymethamphetamine analog, and/or

a conjugate of an enzyme and a methylenedioxyethamphetamine analog, and

(ii) an antibody for methylenedioxyamphetamine, said antibody being raised against a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹, is H, or methyl or ethyl

 R^3 , is H,

R⁴, is H,

 R^{9} , is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$, or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$.

R⁶, is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500; and/or

(iii) an antibody for methylenedioxymethamphetamine, said antibody being raised against a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹, is H, or methyl or ethyl

 R^3 , is H,

R⁴' is methyl,

 R^{9} , is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$, or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$.

R⁶, is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier

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or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500, and/or

(iv) an antibody for methylenedioxyethamphetamine, said antibody being raised against a compound of the formula:

wherein:

R¹, is H, or methyl or ethyl

 R^3 , is H,

R⁴, is ethyl,

 R^{9} , is $-(CH_{2})_{n}C(O)R^{6}$, or $-(CH_{2})_{n}R^{6}$,

R⁶, is Z', which is a protein immunogenic carrier in or a non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier,

n' is an integer between 1 and the molecular weight of said protein immunogenic carrier or said non-poly(amino acid) immunogenic carrier divided by about 500.

Claim 32 (canceled).